



**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (221)
October/November/December 2011**

I understand that I participate in today's outing entirely at my own risk. The volunteer leader will try to make the event enjoyable, informative and safe, but neither The Urban Trail Conference Inc. nor its officers and leaders can be held responsible for accident or injury. The leader may reject from the outing anyone whose preparation or conduct is inappropriate. I will comply with all applicable laws.

Announcements

Membership **First Years' Membership only \$7. A great gift idea.** Thereafter, membership dues are \$10 for 1 year, or \$18 for 2 years. See contact information at the end of this schedule.

Hike Leaders are Needed Why not share a favorite walk with us? Contact us before the last month of this schedule, to be listed in the next schedule. Short walks and longer hikes are all welcome, and leaders get free membership plus an invitation to our annual dinner.

Cancellations, changes, etc. To avoid disappointment and misunderstanding, contact the leader to confirm hike status. Also, re-check train/bus fares and schedules, etc. for changes. Look on back of the MTA's "The Map" available free at NYC subway fare booths. Older copies have non-MTA travel contacts.

Trail Maintenance Volunteer group and individual opportunities for trail maintenance are available through the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference. Training and equipment are provided to care for trails on which we depend for our hiking enjoyment. Try it! Easy access to trails throughout the Metropolitan area. For information contact Leigh Draper, Metro Program Coordinator: draper@nynjtc.org, 201-739-4434.

NEW! THIS SECTION LISTS PAT O'MALLEY'S SHORT WALKS, FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE EASY WALKS, OF NO MORE THAN 1 OR 2 MILES, MOST OF WHICH ARE ON WEEKDAYS (Our regular schedule follows on page 2)

Thur. Oct. 6 – **HARLEM MEER / CONSERVATORY GARDENS.** 1 to 2 miles, at a slow pace. Bring lunch/drink. Meet at 110th St and Central Park West, park side, at 11:00 AM. Leader: Pat O'Malley, 212 924-7486. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Non-members \$3.

Mon., Oct 10 – **ROOSEVELT ISLAND.** 1 to 2 miles, at a slow pace. Meet at Greenacre Park (next to 211 E 51st St. between 3rd & 2nd Aves) at 11:00 AM. Bring lunch and beverage. Tram to Island, can return on "F" train from Island. Fares: MetroCard. Leader: Pat O'Malley, 212 924-7486. Call to confirm hike status morning of hike. Non-members \$3

Tue. Oct. 18 – **PROSPECT PARK ZOO.** 2 miles at a slow pace . Take B, Q or S train to Prospect Park station. Meet at entrance on Flatbush Ave a bit north of Empire Blvd (opposite entrance to Bklyn Botanic Garden) Admission \$8/Srs \$6. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Leader: Pat O'Malley, 212 924-7486. Non-members \$3

Thur. Oct. 27– **BRANCH BROOK PARK (NJ).** 2 miles at a slow pace . Mostly level. With some mild hills. Take "A", "C", "E", #2 or #3 train to World Trade Center stop in Manhattan. Meet at the turnstiles to the PATH trains at 11:00 AM, to take PATH train to Newark, NJ. Then the Newark subway. Take 10 one dollar bills. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Leader: Pat O'Malley 212- 924-7486. Non-members \$3

Wed. Nov. 2 - **FORT LEE PARK (NJ).** 2 miles at a slow pace. Meet at GWB bus terminal near NJ Transit ticket window at 11:00 A.M. To take bus to N.J. (\$2.25 / \$1.10 seniors each way). Short uphill trail to overlook then walk along bluff to old fort and return downhill to GW Bridge. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Leader: Pat O'Malley, 212 924-7486. Non-members \$3

Fri., Nov. 11– **GREYSTONE / UNTERMAYER PARK / LENOIR PRESERVE.** 3 miles at a slow pace. Bring lunch/water. Meet at 11:00 A.M. at 242 St. and Broadway (Last stop on the #1 subway in the Bx.) park side near rest rooms, to take W2 bus to Tudor Woods. Fares: MetroCard. Leader: Pat O'Malley, 212 924-7486. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Non-members \$3.

Mon. Nov. 21- **SALT MARSH NATURE CENTER.** Less than 2 miles, at a slow pace . Take "Q" train to Ave U in Bklyn. and meet at 11:00 A.M. near change booth to take B3 bus, east bound, to Burnett St. Bring lunch/water. Leader: Pat O'Malley, 212 924-7486. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Non-members \$3

Tue., Nov. 29 - **BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN.** 1 to 2 miles, at a slow pace Bring lunch or buy it in Garden. Take #2 or #3 train to Eastern Parkway. Meet at token booth at 11:00A.M. Admission free. Leader: Pat O'Malley, 212- 924-7486. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Non-members \$3.

Sat., Dec. 3 – **STATEN ISLAND BOTANICAL GARDEN with optional CHINESE SCHOLAR GARDEN.** 1 to 2 miles, at a slow pace. Bring lunch/water. Meet in waiting room of Staten Ferry terminal (Manhattan side) near escalators to take 11 A.M. ferry. S40 bus to entrance. Chinese Scholar Garden optional, admission \$5/\$4 seniors Leader: Pat O'Malley, 212 924-7486. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Non-members \$3

Wed., Dec. 7 – **NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN MODEL TRAIN SHOW.** Approx.1 mile, slow pace. Take 10:23 A.M. Harlem Line train to New York Botanical Garden stop OR #4 train, OR "D" train to Bedford Park Blvd. Transfer to Bx26 bus on Bedford Blvd. (stops at Mosholu gate. Meet at entrance to Garden at 10:45. Admission to grounds free. Bring lunch or buy it at café. First walk then choose to leave or pay approx. \$20 \ \$18 admission to the Train Show (children 2 to 12 / \$5). Leader: Pat O'Malley, 212-924-7486 Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Non-members \$3.

Thurs. Dec.15- **GRACIE MANSION/ CARL SCHURZ PK.** 1 to 2 miles, slow pace. Meet at 10:30 at E 86th St & York Avenue, SE corner. Visit Carl Schurz Park then follow the river path. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Leader: Pat O'Malley 212 924-7486. Non-members \$3

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Wed. Dec. 21 – **BRONX ZOO & SENOR CITIZEN LUNCH.** 1 to 2 miles, slow pace. Take the “D” train, or the #4 train to Kingsbridge Rd. Then transfer to the Bx9 Bus, east-bound to the Bronx Zoo entrance on Southern Blvd. Meet 11:00 AM. First have hot Lunch at senior center (\$ 1.50) at 12 noon. Then after lunch, about 1 p.m. walk to Bronx Zoo - 2 blocks. Entrance fee is “Pay what you wish” on Wednesdays. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Leader: Pat O'Malley, **212 924-7486**. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Non-members \$3

Fri., Dec. 30 – **FORT TRYON PARK/SWINDLER'S COVE.** 1-3 miles, slow pace. Take “A” train to 190 St, then elevator to Fort Washington Ave. Meet at subway exit on Corbin Circle at 11:00 AM. Leader: Pat O'Malley, **212 924-7486**. Call to confirm status, on the morning of the walk. Non-members \$3.



OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE



Sat., Oct. 1- **SANDS POINT PRESERVE.** Slow-paced, 5 mile walk on grounds, forests, meadows, and Long Island Sound shoreline, above and below the cliffs, in this beautiful preserve, a former Gold Coast estate. Take the 10:19 A.M. LIRR train from Penn Station to Port Washington and meet leaders outside ticket office at Port Washington, where train arrives at 11:05 a.m. Short car shuttle to preserve; share \$5 per car parking fee. After hike, optional tour of Falaise, the former estate of Harry Guggenheim. This guided tour costs \$5 per person and can only be done beginning with a bus ride from Sands Point. Bring lunch and beverage. Leaders: Ken King, **631-991-8170**, nhochike@optonline.net, and Phyllis Spisto **516-547-0497**. Call or e-mail if weather is threatening. Joint hike with Nassau Hiking Club. Non-members \$3

Sat., Oct. 1- **ANNOUNCEMENT-** This is not a hike, plan ahead! - **LAMONT DOHERTY EARTH OBSERVATORY- OPEN HOUSE.** Located off 9W near the NY-NJ border, this free annual event from 10A.M. to 4P.M. features exhibits, hands-on demonstrations, and lectures related to all the Earth Sciences: geology, seismology, climatology, oceanography, etc. All are on college and post graduate level, with many activities for youngsters. Go to the exhibits you like. Youngsters / teens welcome with parents. No reservations needed; Free shuttle-bus from Columbia University or drive/park free. For information, call: 845-365-8998; Web: <http://www.ldeo.columbia.edu/>. On the right select “Open House”. Bring your lunch or buy there (long lines). Please, do your own planning, I will get you started. Meet me to take the 9:30A.M. bus (they fill up fast). Call for message the day before Victor Scelzo, 718-652-9075 or e-mail urbantrail2000@yahoo.com.

Shuttle Bus info:

People traveling from Manhattan via the free shuttle: Buses will depart from the entrance to Teachers College (120th street between Broadway and Amsterdam) beginning at 9:30 a.m. They will run on the half hour until the final departure at 2:00 p.m. Buses will leave Lamont-Doherty for the city on the half hour from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (please note there will not be a 2:30 p.m. shuttle)

Sun., Oct. 2 - **GARRISON. OSBORN LOOP.** Woods roads and trails, with a substantial uphill at the start (but no scrambling). Around 7 miles at a moderate pace. It is not necessary to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure the hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 9:50 MetroNorth Hudson Line train from GCT arriving in Garrison at 11. You can also connect to this train by taking the 9:40 local at the Marble Hill station (one block from the 225th St. stop on the #1 subway) and changing at Croton-Harmon. Please use the restrooms on the train and please sit in the first or second open car. Drivers from NYC: Saw Mill River Pkwy to exit 26, Route 9A North to Route 9 North to Route 403 West to Garrison station. Park in the large commuter parking lot on the east side of the station. Out in time for the 5 pm train back to NYC. Sorry, but no children, no pets, and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser, **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Oct. 2 - **EAST RIVER CHALLENGER.** 3 miles, easy pace. We will walk along the East River Promenade from 34th Street all the way to South Ferry. You must be able and willing to do the entire route. No stopping at South Street Seaport for any reason. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at 11.00 AM in front of the Rusk Institute, 34th street & 1st Avenue (walk from subway or take the M34 cross-town bus). Leader: Bob Ward, **718-471-7036** (call after 8 PM). Joint hike. Non-members \$3.

Thurs., Oct. 6 - **RONKONKOMA TO BAYARD CUTTING ARBORETUM.** 6 miles at a moderate pace. Terrain is almost all flat, but boots are best because the trail can be muddy in places. We'll walk through Connetquot State Park, look at the fish hatcheries there, and end up at Bayard Cutting Arboretum where we can get tea/coffee. Meet at Penn Station/34th St. in the LIRR ticketing area, at the latest 9A.M. to take the 9:14 a.m. train to Ronkonkoma: arriving at Ronkonkoma 10:37 (check schedule for any changes). Return from the Great River LIRR station. Fare round trip: \$23.50/16 seniors. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff, **212-568-2052**. Call after Tuesday to confirm status, but no calls after 9:30 PM. Joint hike with the Outdoor Club. Non-members \$3.

Sat., Oct. 8 - **FORT SCHUYLER TO PELHAM BAY PARK.** 6 to 7 miles, mostly flat on suburban streets and walkways, at a moderate pace. Drop out points are available. We will visit uniquely attractive ethnic neighborhoods on the way to and from the SUNY Maritime College / Fort Schuyler and possible visit to the Maritime Museum. Wonderful seascape vistas throughout hike. Return to Pelham Bay Park subway station. Bring lunch and water. Take the #6 Lexington Ave. local to Westchester Sq. / East Tremont Ave. Meet 11:00 A.M. by the fare booth/ turnstiles. Allow about 1 hr. from east 14th St. east. Fares: MetroCard and transfer to BX40 bus. You must call or Email for hike status starting the day before the hike. Leader: Victor Scelzo, **718-652-9075** or urbantrail2000@yahoo.com Non members \$3.

Sun., Oct. 9 - **GARRISON CIRCULAR.** 7 miles on hiking trails with ups and downs. A scenic moderate hike which has lunch at Sugar Loaf South, and a 2nd one at Arden Point, one of the few hiking stops on the Hudson River Shore. Also, Meadow Top Gazebo which gives the most view for the least climbing, and the OSI property. Bring lunch and beverage. Take the 10:54 A.M. Hudson Line train from Grand Central Terminal, 42nd St. to Garrison, NY. Leader: Hal Kaplan, **914-376-3156**. Call for hike status message beginning 9 a.m. Sat. or email anytime: kapko@optonline.net. Non-members \$3.

Wed., Oct. 12 - **BAY RIDGE NARROWS WALKWAY**. 5 miles. Moderate steady pace. We will visit Owl's Head Park, Community-Garden, walk along the shore seeing mansions –Walk ends at 86 St and Bay Parkway “ D” train station. Take the “R” train to Bay Ridge Ave. (69 St) - meet on corner of 68St. and 4th Ave. Bring lunch/water. Call to confirm hike status, and get meeting time. Leader: Mike Pollack, **718-648-3424**; lpollsnoop@yahoo.com. Non-members \$3.

Sat., Oct. 15 - **BRONX BOTANICAL GARDEN**. Chrysanthemum show in conservatory, plus conifers & primeval forest walk. Maybe 3 miles at a very relaxed pace. Take the 10:23 Harlem Line train from Grand Central, arriving at the "Botanical Garden" Station at 10:42. Fare OW \$3.75 with "City Ticket." Alternatively, take the 4 or D subway to "Bedford Park Blvd." and then the #26 bus east to the Mosholu Gate entrance--or, the 2 subway to "Allerton Ave." and then the #26 bus west to the entrance. Meet just inside the Mosholu Gate at 10:45. Admission to the Gardens is free on Saturdays until 11 am, but there is a fee for admission to the conservatory. If driving, park in the lot by the station (\$10) or on a nearby street. No coordination of rides. Visit will end by 3 pm but, of course, you are free to leave earlier or stay later. Not necessary to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure that the visit is on. Bring lunch and beverage, or buy it in the cafeteria. Sorry, no pets -- and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser, **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com. Non-members \$3.

Sat., Oct. 15 – **GRAYMOOR ECUMENICAL CENTER**. 9 to 10 miles, at a steady pace with many ups and downs. Hiking boots required. No beginners, please. Hike the Appalachian Trail in the Hudson Highland to Graymoor, returning on carriage roads. Bring lunch and water. Meet 8:30 AM at Grand Central Terminal, 42nd Street, in the information area. We'll take the Metro North Hudson Line. Round Trip fare \$20 / seniors \$10. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, **718-626-3983**. Call to confirm hike status Friday, 10/14 evening only. Non-members. \$3.

Sun., Oct. 16 - **SNUG HARBOR SEA SHANTY WALK**. 2-3 miles, moderate pace mostly flat. Walk from the ferry terminal along the waterfront to have lunch at Snug Harbor and a folk music sing-along (2-5 PM) at the Noble Maritime Museum. Bring lunch and beverage. Take 10:30 AM Staten Island Ferry from Manhattan. Allow for transportation delays or you may miss the boat. Meet the leader in Staten Island at the SIRT (train) station in the rear of the ferry terminal. *You must call to register for this hike. Heavy Rain cancels or changes meeting time.* Leader: Bettye Soffer, **718-720-1593**, between 7 and 9 PM. On day of hike call cell, **718-612-6284**. Non-members \$3.

Thurs., Oct. 20 - **SMITHTOWN TO RONKONKOMA**. 7 miles, mostly flat at a moderate pace. Meet at Penn Station/34th St. in the LIRR ticketing area at the latest 9A.M. to take the 9:14 a.m. train to Smithtown (change at Hicksville), arriving at 10:52; we'll return from the Ronkonkoma station. Check the LIRR train schedule for any possible change. Boots are best as the path can be muddy in places. Bring lunch and water. Fare round trip \$23.50 / 16 seniors. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff, **212-568-2052**. Call after Tuesday to confirm status. No calls after 9:30 PM. Joint hike with the Outdoor Club. Non-members \$3.

Sat., Oct. 22 - **HOOK MOUNTAIN SUMMIT AND RIDGELINE**. 7-9 mile linear hike from Upper Nyack to Rockland Lake, at a moderate pace with *climbs*. Return on the scenic Hudson River Shore Path. Many vistas and curious deer throughout. Visit to the Edward Hopper Gallery, if time allows. Bring lunch and water. Meet *before* 8:45 A.M. at the South Wing of the Port Authority Bus Terminal, by the white Commuter Statues. Depart 9:15 a.m. one way to Upper Nyack, NY (bus 9A, gate 220, Coach Lines, arriving 10:30 a.m.). Leader: Marvin Malater: Call **718-376-3608** for hike status, schedules or information. Joint hike. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Oct. 23 - **LONG PATH ALONG PALISADES**. 7 miles, moderate pace. Hiking trails with small hills and ups and downs. Not flat. Wear hiking boots. Beautiful views and fall colors! Bring lunch and plenty of water. Begin at Closter Dock Rd. Ends over the GW Bridge. Drop off points available. Call for meeting place and time of bus. Rain cancels. Leader: Judy Levine, **718-482-9659**. Call after 7 pm beginning Thursday. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Oct. 23 - **ROCKEFELLER PRESERVE**. A leisurely stroll of around 6 miles along some of the pleasant carriage paths and intimate wooded lanes with panoramic vistas which characterize this beautiful state park preserve. Lunch at Stone Barns Center -- buy it there or bring your own. Take the 9:20 MetroNorth Hudson Line train from Grand Central, arriving in Philipse Manor at 10:12. This train may also be boarded 9:40 at the Marble Hill station, one block from the 225th St. stop on the #1 subway. Please sit in the first or second car of the train. Back in time for 4:10 train to NYC. No need to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure the hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Sorry, no pets -- and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser, **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Oct. 23 - **FALL STATEN ISLAND GREENBELT**. 4-5 miles, moderate pace with ups and downs. See views of Mount Moses and visit the Nature Center on a variety of trails. Take the 10:30 AM Staten Island Ferry from Manhattan. Allow for transportation delays or you may miss the boat. Meet the leader promptly in Staten Island at the SIRT (train) station in the rear of the ferry terminal. We will take the S74 bus to Rockland Avenue. Drivers may call for directions. *You must call to register for this hike. Heavy rain cancels or changes meeting time.* Leader: Bettye Soffer, **718-720-1593**, between 7 and 9 PM. On day of hike call cell, **718-612-6284**. Non-members \$3.

Sat., Oct. 29 - **WESTERLEIGH, STATEN ISLAND**. 2-3 miles, easy pace. Beautiful suburban area where Nat'l Prohibition Party purchased land in 1800's; historic Victorian houses, surrounding trees in fall plumage. Take the #4, # 5 train to Bowling Green; or #1 to So. Ferry; or "R" to Whitehall Street. Meet 11 AM inside the lobby of Staten Island Ferry Bldg.-up the escalators at benches in lobby. Free ferry leaves 11:30 AM to St. George, S.I. Then transfer (metro card) to S62 bus. Then get off at Jewett Avenue and Victory Blvd. Bring lunch and refreshments, or you can purchase. Leader: Susan B., **718-275-7654**. Call if hard rain. Joint walk. Non-members \$3.

Sat., Oct. 29 - **CATSKILL AQUEDUCT AND KENSICO RESERVOIR**. 8 easy miles. Walk along the Catskill Aqueduct and Kensico Reservoir. See fall colors in Westchester County, from Valhalla to Pleasantville. No smoking on trip. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Grand Central Terminal, upper level Information booth at 9:30 AM. Fare approx. \$16 (½ from and to the Bronx). Leader: Mayer Wiesen, **516-671-2095** to 10:30 PM. Joint with others clubs. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Oct.30- **WOODLAWN CEMETERY in the Fall , Bronx River Pathway.** Approx. 5 miles total, in 2 parts, at a moderate pace. Part 1. On walkways with ups and downs. We'll walk through the cemetery with many stops, to view interesting grave-sites at this historical cemetery. (via a different route from my Spring hike). Lunch outdoors, weather permitting. You can end at the #4 Woodlawn train stop. Part 2. Continue on hiking trails, a sturdy shoe is recommended for wet spots. We'll walk in Van Cortland Park, ending at the #1, 242nd St. train stop. Bring lunch and sufficient liquids. Take the #2 to 233rd St. in the Bronx and meet 11:00 A.M. at turnstiles/ fare booth. Leader: Victor Scelzo. You must call or Email for hike status starting the day before the hike, **718- 652-9075**, urbantrail2000@yahoo.com. Steady rain cancels. Alternate travel; Take the Lex Ave, #5 and change for the #2 at E.180th St. Station in the Bx. Non-members \$3

Sat., Nov. 5 - **PARKER CABIN MOUNTAIN, HARRIMAN.** 7-8 mile circular hike, Tuxedo NY, at a moderate pace with *climbs and some scrambles*, on a varied RD Trail, leading to a view-point lunch stop on the banks of gem-like Lake Skenonto. Return on a choice of trails with a stop at Claudias Smith Cave. Bring lunch and water. Meet *before* 8:45 A.M. at NY, Penn Station (32nd St. & 7th Ave); at the NJ Transit ticket windows. Depart 9:14 a.m. round trip to Tuxedo, NY. We change at Secaucus for the Port Jervis Line, arriving 10:17 a.m. at Tuxedo. Return from Tuxedo by train. Leader: Marvin Malater. Call **718-376-3608** for hike status, schedules and information. Joint hike. Non-members \$3.

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Set clocks back one hour.

Sun., Nov. 6 - **BEAR MOUNTAIN (8 mi hike, ups and downs!)** Over Timp and Bald. Two nice uphills and a moderately steep descent from Bald, but some fairly easy walking on woods roads as well. Around 8 miles at a moderate pace. Out around 4. Parking fee \$7 per car. It is not necessary to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure the hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 8:45 Short Line bus from PABT to Bear Mountain, arriving at 10:15. Sorry, but no children, no pets, and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser, **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com.

Sun., Nov. 6 – **BEAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK (level, slow paced walk)** . 3 miles at an easy pace, mostly level. See this lovely park in all its glory. Walk to see the lowest point on the Appalachian Trail and visit with animals native to our area. Then we'll go for a long leg stretcher before taking the 5:19 Bus back to NYC, arriving at 7p.m. Bring lunch and beverage and a light snack for eating on the bus coming back. Fare: \$26 / \$13.35 seniors. Meet near the information booth, North Building, PABT. Leader: Bob Ward. Call **718-471-7036** after 8 p.m. for meeting time. Non-members \$3

Sun., Nov. 6 - **BROOKLYN'S OTHER EDGE.** 8 miles, from Newtown Creek and McGuinness Blvd. Proceed to Bushwick Avenue, which traverse to its end, viewing interesting churches and mansions built for brewers. Continue south into East New York, ending in New Lots to see 1832 church. If you're looking for tidy lawns or woodland trails, this hike is not for you, but if you want an interesting hike with congenial people, come on down. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Cricket Giese Parker, **212-924-2171**. Call leader for meeting time and place. Joint hike. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Nov. 6 - **PROSPECT PARK NATURE WALK.** Approx. 2miles. We'll look for what nature has to offer in Prospect Park. Bring binoculars. Take the "F" train to 7th Ave. stop in Brooklyn, and then walk uphill to Prospect Park West. Meet at Prospect Park and 9th Street. Wear appropriate clothing, Bring beverage and snacks. Leader: Edith, **718-622-4421**. You must call for meeting time 2 days before. Joint walk. Non-members \$3

Tue., Nov.8 – **HASTINGS TO TARRYTOWN.** 5 to 6 miles on moderate to easy terrain, mostly on the Croton Aqueduct. Nice scenery. Bring lunch and water. Meet 11AM at Grand Central Terminal 42nd Street at the Information Booth on the Upper level. Bring lunch and water fare: Approx. \$15 / seniors approx. \$12. Leader: Ray Krant. Call to confirm status of hike. **718-435-4994**. Non-members \$3.

Fri., Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day) - **TOTTENVILLE TO PLEASANT PLAINS.** 6 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Beach hike through Staten Island beaches. Variety of scenery with views of marine life and coastal regions. Bring lunch and water. Meet 10:15 AM in the Staten Island Ferry waiting room (Manhattan-side) to take the 10:30 AM ferry. Fare: Metro-card. Leader: Ray Krant. Call to confirm hike status, **718-435-4994**. Non-members\$3.

Sat., Nov. 12 - **TACKAPAUSHA PRESERVE.** Slow-paced 5 mile walk in this long, narrow wooded, somewhat swampy preserve. Take 11:10 A.M. LIRR train from Penn Station, to Seaford, on the Babylon line, and meet leaders outside ticket office when train arrives at 12:09 p.m. We will first walk the major section north of Sunrise Highway, then if desired do the section south of Sunrise Highway to Tackapausha Museum. Bring lunch and beverage. Leaders: Ken King **631-991-8170**, nhochike@optonline.net, and Phyllis Spisto **516-547-0497**. Call or e-mail if weather threatening. Joint with Nassau Hiking Club. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Nov. 13 - **OCA WALK, SCARBORO TO TARRYTOWN.** 8 miles at a moderate pace, on trails with ups and downs. Scenic late autumn walk along the Old Croton Aqueduct with a lunch stop at view point in Rockwood Hall Park. Then back to the aqueduct and finish in Tarrytown. Snow or ice may shorten route. Take the 11:20 AM Hudson Line train from Grand Central Terminal to Scarborough station. Drivers park near Tarrytown & join us on the 12:10 PM northbound train. For Google map directions, use "1 Depot Plaza, zip 10591". Leader: Hal Kaplan, **914-376-3156**. Call for hike status message starting 9 AM on Sat. or email anytime: kapko@optonline.net. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Nov. 13 - **JOHNSONTOWN CIRCULAR.** A scenic ridge walk on the Blue Disc and other trails, passing by Lake Skenanto. Around 7 miles at a moderate pace. It is not necessary to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 9:14 Jersey Transit train from Penn Station, changing at Secaucus for the 9:31 Port Jervis train to Sloatsburg, arriving 10:12. Or, take the 9:10 Short Line bus from the PABT arriving in Sloatsburg at 10:07. Out in time for the 4:28 train back to Penn Station. Sorry, but no children, no pets, and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser, **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Nov. 13 - **RIVERSIDE PARK.** 3 miles at an easy pace, mostly level. View the magnificent architecture that tell of "faith and duty" and 3 grave sites. Meet leader Bob Ward on the NW corner of west 72nd Street and Broadway at 11 A.M. Call to confirm hike status and register **718-471-7036**, after 8 p.m. Non-members \$3

Tue., Nov. 15 - **GREENWICH VILLAGE AND HIGH LINE.** 5 miles, moderate pace. Historical homes in the West Village ending with a walk along the entire length of High Line beginning at 30th St and 10 th Ave. Take the "A" train to 34 St. and meet on NW corner of 30th St. and 8th Ave. Call for meeting time and to confirm hike status. Leader: Mike Pollack, **718-648-3424**; lpollsnop@yahoo.com. Non-members \$3.

Wed., Nov. 16 - **LINCOLN CENTER CONCERT WALK.** 3-5 miles, moderate pace, mostly flat. See Upper East Side sights, Riverside Park and a possible concert at Juilliard. Meet leader at 72nd Street Verdi Park, just north of the subway station between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue at 10 AM. Join us for lunch at a local Chinese restaurant or bring your own to eat nearby. We may check out the Performing Arts Library, see a garden, a church and wind up at Columbus Circle. Drop out whenever you are tired. *You must call to register for this hike. Heavy rain cancels or changes meeting time.* Leader: Betty Soffer, **718-720-1593** between 7-9 PM for more information. On day of hike, call cell **718-612-6284**. Non-members \$3.

Thurs., Nov. 17 - **BLYDENBURGH COUNTY PARK.** 5 miles at a moderate pace, some ups and downs. Meet at Penn Station-34th St. in the LIRR ticketing area, at the latest 9A.M. to take the 9:14 a.m. to Smithtown (change at Hicksville), arriving at 10:52; return will be from the same station. Check train schedule for changes. We'll walk around Blydenburgh Lake and view the ducks and turtles. Bring lunch and water and wear boots as the trail can be muddy in spots. Fare round trip: \$23.50 / 16 seniors. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff, **212 568-2052**. Call after Tuesday to confirm status. No calls after 9:30pm. Joint hike with the Outdoors Club. Non members \$3.

Sun., Nov. 20 - **LONG BEACH ALONG THE WATER.** 8 miles. Oceanside walk. Stop midway at Point Lookout inside coffee shop, or bring lunch and eat outdoors. Wear comfortable shoes. Heavy rain cancels. Meet near the LIRR ticketing area, at Penn Station. Leader: Judy Levine, **718-482-9659**. Call for meeting time, starting Thursday thru Sat. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Nov. 20 - **POPOLOPEN GORGE.** Starting from the Fort Montgomery Visitors Center we'll take the Popolopen Gorge Trail -- mostly pretty flat, but with a few short steep uphill (but no scrambling). Then over the new bridge to the 1779 Trail, and back to the Visitors Center, with an optional visit afterwards to the Bear Mountain Zoo. Around 5 miles at a moderate pace. Email or call to confirm that hike will take place, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 9:50 train from GCT arriving in Garrison at 11. You can also connect to this train by taking the 9:40 local at the Marble Hill station (one block from the 225th St. stop on the #1 subway) and changing at Croton-Harmon. Please use restrooms on the train, and please sit in the first or second open car. Drivers from NYC: Saw Mill River Pkwy. to exit 26, Route 9A North to Route 9 North to Route 403 West to Garrison station. Park temporarily in the large commuter parking lot on the east side of the station. There will be an approximately 6-mile shuttle to Fort Montgomery. Sorry, but no children; no pets; no smoking. Out in time for the 5 pm train back to NYC from Garrison. Leader: Bob Susser, **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com. Non-members \$3.

Fri., Nov. 25 - **INWOOD & FORT TRYON PARKS, WITH A VISIT TO THE CLOISTERS.** Around 3 miles at a moderate pace. After a stroll through Inwood Park, we cross over into Fort Tryon Park -- with its majestic outlook over the Hudson -- for lunch (bring lunch and beverage). After lunch, a visit to the Cloisters (admission is "pay what you wish" -- \$1 is fine), then through the rest of the park, including the Heather Garden. Take A train to 207th St. -- meet 10:30 am on the corner of 207th & Broadway. The walk should end around 3. Give me a call Thursday evening if the forecast calls for rain or thundershowers. No smoking. Leader: Bob Susser, **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Nov. 27 - **RIVERSIDE PARK.** A leisurely stroll of around 3 miles in Riverside Park and along the river from 116th St. to 66th St. -- followed by lunch at Ollie's Noodle Shop on 67th St. Meet 10:30 am inside the Broadway & 116th St. subway station, but outside the turnstiles. Optional small contribution for Riverside Park Fund. Rain or shine. No need to register -- just show up. Leader: Bob Susser, **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Nov. 27 - **QUEENS WATERFRONT, Part 1.** 12 to 13 miles, some drop-off points. Moderate, lively pace. Walk the Queens waterfront from Long Island City to Flushing—at least as much of it as we can get to. Pass Socrates Sculpture Park, Steinway mansion, and Lent-Riker-Smith homestead (circa 1654). Important: bring water and lunch. Meet 9:00 am at the southwest corner of Vernon Blvd and 50th Ave., Long Island City. Take #7 train to Vernon Blvd-Jackson Avenue station. Leader: Bill Wrublewski, cell **646-369-0279**. Non-members \$3.

Sat., Dec. 3 - **ROCKAND LAKE TO NYACK, NY.** 7 mile linear hike, at a moderate pace with several *climbs*, southbound on the Long Path. Many panoramic vistas along the Hook Mountain ridgeline and summit, overlooking the Hudson River. Expect to see deer. In Nyack, the Edward Hooper Art Gallery and/or an optional dinner are moments away for the returning bus. Meet *before* 8:50 A.M., NY Port Authority Bus Terminal, South Wing by the white Commuter Statues. Depart 9:15 a.m. (bus 9A, gate 220) one way to Rockland Lake, NY. Arriving 10:35 a.m. Leader: Marvin Malater. Call **718-376-3608** for hike status, schedules or information. Joint hike. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Dec. 4 - **FERRY POINT PARK.** 6-7 miles, steady pace level terrain. Walk south on the Hutchinson River Parkway Greenway to Ferry Point Park. Continue to St. Raymond's Cemetery, visiting the graves of Billie Holiday, Frankie Lymon and Father Duffy. Continue to various trails in the southern section to Pelham Bay Park, ending at the Pelham Bay Park subway stop on the No. 6 train. Bring lunch and beverage. Take the No. 6 train Westchester Square-East Tremont Avenue station and meet on sidewalk by station exit at 11.00 AM. Metrocard fares apply. Leader: Joel Pomerantz, **212- 691-3844**. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Dec. 4 - **FAHNESTOCK.** Various trails through woods and high-level meadows with alpine-like vistas. Around 8 miles at a moderate pace. It is not necessary to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure the hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 9:50 Metro North Hudson Line train from GCT arriving in Cold Spring at 11:00. You can also connect to this train by taking the 9:40 local at the Marble Hill station (one block from the 225th St. stop on the #1 subway) and changing at Croton-Harmon. Please use the restrooms on the train and please sit in the first or second open car. Drivers from NYC: Saw Mill River Pkwy. to exit 26, Route 9A North to Route 9 North to Route 403 West to Route 9D North to Route 301 (which is Main St. in Cold Spring), left on Main St. to its end at the Depot Cafe. Park temporarily in their parking lot or on a nearby street. Out around 5. Sorry, but no children, no pets, and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser, **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com. Non-members \$3.

Mon., Dec. 5 - **TARRYTOWN RESERVOIR.** 5 to 7 miles at an easy to moderate pace. Hike on abandoned railroad bed (tracks removed) and along Tarrytown Reservoir. Scenic area on easy to moderate terrain. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet 9:15 AM at the Grand Central Station, 42nd street information booth-upper level. Fare approx. \$15 / seniors approx. \$12. Leader: Ray Krant. Call to confirm hike status, **718-435-4994**. Non-members \$3.

Sat., Dec. 10 - **GREAT SOUTH BAY AND BAYARD ARBORETUM**. Two options: 6 or 11 miles. Flat, varied. Brisk pace. Not for slow hikers. Hike to a fantastic view of the Great South Bay in Heckscher State Park. End the day by exploring the beautiful Arboretum. Bring water and lunch; wear hiking boots. Rain, snow or icy conditions cancels. From Penn Station take the 9:16 AM LIRR train to Great River. Fare \$23.50 round trip (seniors \$16.25). Leader will meet group at Great River train station at 10:33 AM. (CHECK LIRR FOR CURRENT TRAIN SCHEDULE). Leader: Quyen (Quinn) Pham, **631-234-5486**, 8PM - 10 PM and morning of hike. Email: qwpham@yahoo.com. Joint hike. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Dec. 11- **SOMETHING NEW ON THE OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT**. 7 miles moderate pace on trails. We begin & end in Irvington. This hike uses the new Tappen Zee path & rarely hiked portions of the OCA. Optional extension to the Hudson Shore Park. Bring lunch and beverage. Take the 11:20 A.M. Hudson Line train from Grand Central Terminal to Irvington station. Drivers park near station. Train arrives 12:05 p.m. For Google map directions use "1 So. Astor St. 10533". Leader: Hal Kaplan, **914-376-3156**. Call for hike status message starting Sat. 9 a.m. or Email anytime, kapko@optonline.net. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Dec. 11 - **STATEN ISLAND, TOWN & WOODS**. 4-5 miles, moderate pace, with ups and downs Take the Yellow Trail from Richmond Road & Spring Street to the top of Todt Hill and then wander through residential areas with interesting homes and holiday decorations. If time and weather permit, we will re-enter the woods and continue to High Rock Park. Bring lunch, beverage and hiking boots are recommended. Take the 10:30 AM Staten Island Ferry from Manhattan. Allow for transportation delays or you may miss the boat. Take the S74 bus to meet leader in Staten Island at Spring Street. *You must call to register for this hike. Heavy rain/snow cancels.* Leader: Bettye Soffer, **718-720-1593**, between 7 and 9 PM. On day of hike call cell, **718-612-6284**. Non-members \$3.

Tue., Dec. 13 - **BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, PROSPECT PARK and some PARK SLOPE** - 5 miles - See a bit of the lovely residential neighborhood of Park Slope, tour the Garden and then into Prospect Park - can be extended to the magnificent residential neighborhood of Prospect Park South with palatial homes. Garden admission is free Tuesdays. Meet at 7th Ave. and Flatbush Ave. Take "Q" or "B" train to 7th Ave stop in Brooklyn. Exit staircase to the left of the token-booth. Bring/buy lunch. Call to confirm hike status and meeting time. Leader: Mike Pollack, **718-648-3424**; lpollsnop@yahoo.com. Non-members \$3

Wed., Dec. 14 – **NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS (BRONX)**. 2 miles mostly level. Stroll though these lovely gardens and then visit both the Children's Adventure Garden and the annual train show (grounds admission free on Wed. but pay for train show and Children's Adventure Garden). Meet southeast corner of Bedford Park Boulevard and the Grand Concourse at 11A.M. For information call, the day before hike. Leader: Bob Ward, **718-471-7036**, after 8p.m. Co-leader: Pat O'Malley Non-members \$3.

Thurs., Dec.15 - **STONE BARN AND ROCKEFELLER PRESERVE**. 6 miles at a moderate pace. Some ups and downs. We'll walk around Rockefeller Preserve and then go over to Stone Barns where we'll have lunch or you can buy something at their café. Meet at Grand Central Station by the information booth to take the 9:20 A.M. train to Phillipse Manor, arriving at 10:12. Check schedule for any possible changes. This train can also be boarded at Marble Hill at 9:40 a.m. Leader will be boarding at Marble Hill. Fare round trip: \$18 / \$12 seniors (From Grand Central); \$9 / \$4.50 (Marble Hill). Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff, **212- 568- 2052**. Call after Tuesday to confirm status, no calls after 9:30p.m. Non members \$3

Sun., Dec.18- **CENTRAL PARK NATURE WALK**. We'll look for what nature has to offer in Central Park. Bring binoculars, wear appropriate clothing, and bring snacks and beverage. Take "C" to 81st St. or #1 to 79th St. and walk east to Central Park West. Meet at northeast corner of 81 St. & Central Park West. Leader: Edith, **718-622-4421**, must call for time 2 days before. Joint walk. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Dec. 18 - **RIVERSIDE PARK TO G.W. BRIDGE**. 6 to 7 miles, at a moderate pace. Drop off points. Some ups and downs, some steps. Walk along upper trails, along the Hudson River. Possible exploration at end under bridge, to find seventeenth century fort. Meet at 72nd St by Eleanor Roosevelt statue at end of West 72nd St. at 10 A.M. Bring water, wear comfortable shoes, bring lunch or possibly buy at park at 145th Street. Leader: Judy Levine, **718- 482 -9659**. Call evenings to confirm hike status. Non-members \$3.

Sun.,Dec.18 - **LONG PATH TO ENGLEWOOD BASIN**. 5 miles at a moderate pace. Take the "A" train to 175th St. stop. We'll meet at the George Washington Bus station at 9:30 A.M. and walk across the bridge, circumnavigate the Fort Lee Historical Park, and take the road down to the river trail. We'll come up on the road also with a slight turn-off to see the waterfall. Mostly flat except for the down at the beginning and the up at the end. Return by bus from Englewood. Rain cancels. Fare: \$1.45 / \$2.90 seniors. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff: **212-568-2052**. Call after Friday for hike status, no calls after 9:30 PM. Joint hike with the Outdoor Club. Non members \$3

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